

present the at least one visual guide for display at a location on the display adjacent the at least one area designated for the at least one control.

21. The electronic device of claim 19, further comprising an orientation sensor operatively connected to the processing circuitry, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to—

determine an orientation of the electronic device from orientation data obtained from the orientation sensor; and

designate the at least one area of the touch sensitive bezel for the at least one control based on the determined orientation.

22. The electronic device of claim 19, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to—

present content for the display in one of at least two orientations; and

designate the at least one area of the at least one touch sensitive bezel based on the orientation of the content.

23. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the electronic device comprises a housing having a face with an area, the display positioned on the face of the housing and substantially encompassing the area of the face.

24. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the touch sensitive bezel comprises a force sensitive portion generating force data in response to a touch event, and wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to—

obtain force data from the force sensitive portion of the touch sensitive bezel; and

govern an aspect of the at least one invoked control based on the obtained force data.

25. An electronic device, comprising:

a display positioned on the electronic device and having a perimeter;

a multi-touch input bezel positioned on the electronic device substantially around the perimeter of the display; and

processing circuitry operatively connected to the display and the multi-touch input bezel, the processing circuitry designating one or more areas on the multi-touch input bezel for one or more controls used to operate the electronic device, the processing circuitry generating one or more visual guides corresponding to the one or more controls and sending visual data to the display for displaying the one or more visual guides on the display adjacent the one or more areas on the multi-touch input bezel designated for the one or more controls, the processing circuitry obtaining touch data from the multi-touch input bezel and determining if at least one of the one or more controls that corresponds to the designated areas is invoked by the obtained touch data.

26. The electronic device of claim 25, wherein the multi-touch input bezel is positioned around the entire perimeter of the display.

27. The electronic device of claim 25, wherein the multi-touch input bezel is capable of generating touch data in response to a plurality of touch events occurring simultaneously at a plurality of locations of the bezel.

28. The electronic device of claim 25, wherein the multi-touch input bezel comprises an array having a plurality of

capacitive sensors arranged in rows and in columns substantially around the perimeter of the display.

29. The electronic device of claim 28, wherein to obtain the touch data for the multi-touch input bezel, the processing circuitry comprises acquisition circuitry having at least two first multiplexer circuits coupled to the rows of the array and having at least two second multiplexer circuits coupled to the columns of the array, the at least two first multiplexer circuits controllably connecting the rows of the array to a reference voltage and a storage capacitor, the at least two second multiplexer circuits controllably connecting the rows of the array to a reference voltage and a storage capacitor.

30. The electronic device of claim 25, wherein to determine if at least one of the one or more controls that corresponds to the designated areas is invoked by the obtained touch data, the processing circuitry compares the obtained touch data to the one or more areas of the multi-touch input bezel designated for the one or more controls and determines the at least control invoked by the obtained touch data based on the comparison.

31. The electronic device of claim 25, further comprising an orientation sensor operatively connected to the processing circuitry, wherein the processing circuitry determines an orientation of the electronic device from orientation data obtained from the orientation sensor, and wherein the processing circuitry designates the one or more areas of the multi-touch input bezel for the one or more controls based on the determined orientation.

32. The electronic device of claim 25, wherein the processing circuitry presents content for the display in one of at least two orientations and designates the at least one area on the at least one touch sensitive bezel based on the orientation of the content.

33. The electronic device of claim 25, wherein the electronic device comprises a housing having a face with an area, the display positioned in the face of the housing and substantially encompassing the area of the face.

34. The electronic device of claim 25, wherein the multi-touch input bezel comprises a force sensitive portion generating force data in response to a touch event, and wherein the processing circuitry obtains force data from the force sensitive portion and governs an aspect of the at least one invoked control based on the obtained force data.

35. An electronic device, comprising:

a display positioned on the electronic device and having a perimeter;

means positioned on the electronic for obtaining touch data from adjacent the perimeter of the display;

means for designating one or more areas adjacent the perimeter of the display for one or more controls;

means for generating one or more visual guides for the one or more controls;

means for presenting the one or more visual guides for display at one or more locations on the display adjacent the one or more designated areas;

means for determining if at least one of the one or more controls is invoked by obtained touch data; and

means for operating the electronic device with the at least one invoked control.